Supreme Court Notice to Delhi Administration on a letter of an under-trial

3637. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Supreme Court has issued notices to Delhi Administration the basis of a letter from an under-trial as reported in the Times of India of the 7th February, 1989 and if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken|proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): According to the Delhi Administration, the Supreme Court has issued notice to the Administration on the petition moved by one Ajay Kumar Singh, an under-trial prisoner. The petitioner has put forward grievances regarding the procedure adopted for granting interviews to the inmates. The matter is sub-judice now.

Income tax clearance certificate for housing federation

3638. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mumbai District Cooperative Housing Federation Limited has made a representation to the Central Government requesting Government to compel the builders|developers of properties to clear the icome-tax certificates or to waive the condition for the production of income-tax clearance certificate under section 230A of the Income-tax Act in case of co-operative housing societies in whose favour the builder|developer has to convey the property; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has not found the suggestions acceptable.

Excise duty refund

3639. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of firms and companies claim excise duty refund;

(b) if so, what amount has been paid back during last five years; and

(c) what are the details of firms and companies which have got refund amounting to more than rupees one lakh during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total amount refunded during the last five years is as under:—

Year	Amount refunded (In crores)
1983-84	110.87
1984-85	75.78
1985-86	136.04
1986-87	152.64
1987-88	209.26

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Over-invoicing in Drugs

3640. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is considering a proposal to utilise the services of cost experts to unearth crores of rupees lying unaccounted or over-invoiced in respect of Trimethoprim, Sulphamethaxazole, Gentamycin, Riflampicin, Analgin and drug interme-